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DECREASE IN RURAL WAGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a dip in rural wage growth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise along with the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the falling rural wages signals farm distress;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the decrease in rural wages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (e): As per available information, the annual growth rate calculated for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 indicates a positive but fluctuating rate for average daily wages of rural unskilled workers during these years. State-wise wage and growth rates for the year 2010 to 2013 (upto Oct.13) are given in Annexure.

There has been no decrease in wage rates under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act since its inception.